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Craddock Welling Link Certain

The much hoped for and long wanted highway link between Craddock and Welling looks as if it will be a sure thing in the near future.

A delegation was recently in Edmonton on the business of the road and we take pleasure in publishing a letter received by Mr. E.M. Kiddle of Raymond on this subject.

Re Raymond Delegation Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 27th ult. re above, would say the delegation is correct in their report to you as to our promise that the Craddock - Welling road would be reconstructed and gravelled this year; and while surfacing was discussed, there was no commitment made as to when this would be done, but naturally as soon as possible, having regard to all the factors that must be taken into consideration. However, I am sure your members realize that any promise given as regards road construction, cannot be construed as had faith if not carried out as soon as we all would like, as that is usually the governing factor and it is not only the weather in the

district wherein the construction is to take place, but also the weather condition where the equipment is working at the present time. The reports I have received from that part of the province are that owing to heavy rains, our equipment is working a very small part of the time, consequently, delay on one project just naturally delays commencement of another.

We sincerely trust weather conditions will greatly improve in the near future and if we are fortunate enough to have a nice fall, much of the delay that is now such a problem, may be overcome and all the construction hoped for this year will be an accomplished fact.

Wishing your association every success, I am,

Yours very truly,

D.B. MacMillan

Minister of Public Works

This road will put Raymond on a good highway with hard surface facilities close at hand. A road of this nature will mean a great deal to this community in improved transportation both in and out in all kinds of weather.

In an old "Raymond Chronicle" of 1905 edited by Brigham S. Young, we find the following:

KING BROTHERS

This is one of the most enterprising firms in Raymond. Established in 1902, the members of the firm are Thomas O. King Jr., and Louis D. King. Their store 50 by 52 feet is splendidly fitted in the interior and they carry full lines of all classes of general merchandise and dry goods.

Starting with the manager and clerk, the employees now number eight in the short space of little over three years business. The fittings and selection of dry goods compare with anything in the province.

Both Mr. L.D. King and T.O. King, have been members of the town council while the latter is now chairman of the school board. Recently Mr. L.D. was elected on the council of the Board of Trade by a large vote. Both of the head of this firm own large farms and their interests in the country are constantly increasing. One of the factors which has made their business a success is the policy of seeking to satisfy the purchaser with a quality of goods that are known to be of the highest quality.

T. O. KING—Member of Raymond's First Town Council. Born December 8, 1889 in Salt Lake City. Thomas O. King Jr. was the first born of Thomas O. and Dorcas D. King, early Utah pioneers who crossed the plains in 1853.

While still a youth T. O. King Sr. was employed by the Young Express Co. in carrying mail and express across the plains, also performing military duty at Fort Supply, Green River, as well as later in Carson Valley, Nevada and as Pony Express rider. He carried the mail from Fort Bridger to Weber in Utah and later from Salt Lake to Bear Lake. He was an Indian war veteran and had numerous thrilling experiences and narrow escapes. He, with his family moved to Idaho in the early 70's and in 1880 moved to Almo where he was bishop for 20 years.

King brothers, like their father pioneered in a new land. Thomas Owen Jr. came to Canada in 1892 and homesteaded in the Cardston district on the St. Mary River where he engaged in ranching. In 1897 he helped organize the first school district south of McLeod and Lethbridge and served as a trustee until 1903 when he moved to Raymond, here he engaged in the mercantile business until 1903 when he returned to farming.

He was truly a pioneer in the educational program of Alberta and took a keen interest in the education of the rural child. In 1903 Mr. King was elected school trustee and served in that capacity until 1937 when he refused further election.

In 1909 he was elected first vice-president of the Alberta Association and held that position until 1923 when he became president and continued in that capacity until 1937. He was one of Raymond's first town councilmen from 1903 to 1906 and during the absence of Raymond's Mayor Chas. McCarty, he was appointed acting mayor.

T. O. King was a friend to everyone and everyone was his friend. His wife Margaret H. King has always been very active in church and community affairs serving as president of the Relief Society organization for 39 years. Perhaps no other single individual has surpassed her efforts in caring for the sick and those in need. Her hands seemed to be constantly busy sewing, knitting patching and carrying food, clothing and medicine to the needy in all kinds of weather.

Her husband T. O. King was also well known to this kindness, thoughtfulness and service to the sick and unfortunate.

Four of the King family were called to labor in the British Isles as missionaries. In the early 60's T. O. King Sr. spent four years, T. O. King Jr. left Raymond in 1907 for England where he spent 27 months and soon after his return his younger brother H. E. (Ted) King was called from Raymond. A few years later M. T. King, who has taught in the High School for many years and who was a member of the Taylor State Presidency for a number of years, was also called on a long term mission to England.

Mr. and Mrs. King celebrated their golden wedding in September of 1940 when all their children were present: M. T. King, Mrs. Wilford Heninger, Mrs. D. B. Fowler, Leth-



bridge, Miss Sarah King, Vancouver, Owen King, Raymond, Mrs. F. M. Hall, Vancouver and Mrs. King, Raymond. A baby Dorcas died in infancy.

Thomas O. King passed away June 14, 1946. One of the speakers at the funeral said this of him:

"Our farm was near the King farm and we passed it many a time. His head lands were always clean, his furrows straight and we watched his industry and thrift in pattern after him."

In religion his head lands were clean and straight. His tail was unfurled, his course was set and he knew exactly where he was going.



of the past two weeks.

Fredrick Montgomery of Chicago arrived here Monday by plane and will be a guest of Roger and Tom Fisher for the summer holidays.

Barbara Jacobs left Tuesday morning for a holiday at Banff. She left in company with relatives from Granum.

Miss Lois Adams, Lila Sell and Donna Erickson of Wrentham were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Young on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Proctor and family and Mrs. Edna Brandley are spending a two week holiday at Banff.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nilsson and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ogden are spending a holiday at Salt Lake City and other points in Utah.

An enjoyable "going away" party, honoring the family of Mr. and Mrs. Artie Seely was held Monday evening at the Community hall. A variety program, dancing and refreshments were enjoyed. The Seelys are respected old time residents of this district and will be greatly missed in the community. They are making a new home in the Orton district.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kummer of Vancouver formerly of Stirling are visiting friends here guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Nelson and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Perrett.

On Tuesday evening Irene Kovach entertained the younger set at a jolly out door party complimentary to Miss Ludene Seely who leaves shortly with her family for Orton. Games and a wicker toast were much enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Zaugg have returned home from a honeymoon spent in California and Utah.

Mrs. Alice Brandley left by plane on Monday for Victoria where she will visit with her daughter prior to returning to her home in California.

successful in passing. They include a number of students who recently took music examinations were all Mrs. Margaret Young, who received her I.R.S.M. degree, Ludene Seely, Joanne Erickson, Mona Brandley and Roberta Erickson.

C. A. Young, principal of the local High School left Sunday morning for Edmonton where he will enter the university of Alberta for the summer school session.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Wright have as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Ruben

Huber of Rosemary.

Ludene Seely is a patient in Galt Hospital having undergone an appendectomy.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Nelson were Sunday night dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. Harbeck of Lethbridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith and family of Tacoma, Wash. visited with the H. C. Jacobs family on Sunday.

The students of the H.S. School enjoyed a very lovely evening party on Wednesday evening sponsored by the Executive of the Student Union. President Doug Christensen acted as master of ceremonies. A tasty banquet was enjoyed after which several films were shown and dancing brought to a close a very pleasant evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Olen and children of Rosemary were guests of Mrs. Ann Nelson for the recent holiday.

Miss Ann Mullenbakh left recently for Edmonton where she expects to get employment at a radio station.

Barbara and Jack Olsen of Rosemary are visiting the Hardy family here. Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Hardy also have as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Westmacow of Syracuse.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Brandley had as their guests recently Mr. and Frank Clawson and children of Rosemary.

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